(c) There is no proposal, at present, for introducing any train between Jammu Tawi and Haridwar and *via* Haridwar to other stations.

Food Plazas at Railway Station

3638. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce Food Plazas at railway stations; and

(b) if so, the stations selected and when the contracts would be awarded and by when they would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the first, phase Delhi Jn., Hazarat Nizamuddin, Mumbai Central, Pune, Agra Cantt., Howrah, Chennai, Bangalore City, Jaipur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Gorakhpur stations have been selected to set up Food Plazas. These facilities will become operational after sites are developed.

Railway project in A.P.

3639. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Railways had promised in September, 2000, to undertake number of big railway projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Minister had announced a 70 crore suburban railway project for Hyderabad;

(c) whether a Rs. 20 crore palace-on-wheels project, some new rail lines and half-a-dozen new trains were also announced;

(d) if so, whether these programmes have not been implemented so far;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(f) by when they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed in September, 2000 between the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Anhdra Pradesh

for the provision of a Multi-modal Sub-urban Commuter Transport System for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

(c) The then Minister of Railways had announced that the introduction of a 'Palace-on-Wheels' type of train would be considered for Andhra Pradesh.

(d) to (f) The process of obtaining necessary approvals for the fixed infrastructure component of the Multi-modal Sub-urban Transport Project costing Rs. 70 Crores has been initiated, The project will be further processed for inclusion in the Budget after the approvals have been accorded. Its completion will depend upon the time when all the necessary approvals are received.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have not given consent to bearing their share of the capital cost of the 'Palace-on-Wheels' type of train. Indian Railways will consider the running of this train on receipt of their consent.

Laying of Panipat-Shamli-Kairana-Muzaffarnagar rail line

†3640. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted to lay Panipat-Shamli-Kairana-Muzaffarnagar rail line;

(b) if so, the full details thereof; and

(c) what is the present position and by when the same would be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The survey for new broad gauge line from Panipat to Muzaffarnagar *via* Shamli and Kairana (83kms.) has been completed recently. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this line has been assessed as Rs. 256 crores with a negative rate of return. Due to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of this project, it has not been considered feasible to take up the work.

Period fixed for inquiry into rail accidents

†3641. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the period fixed by the Railway Board for completion of inquiries into rail accidents;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.